

North Carolina DMV Exam Study Guide

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What should you bring to the DMV?

- ✓ **Proof of your North Carolina residency (such as a utility bill showing your NC address)**
- ✓ **Your original Social Security card**
- ✓ **Two other forms of ID. This can be any two of the following:**
 - **Birth certificate**
 - **Valid driver's license from another state**
 - **Valid Passport**
- ✓ **Proof of liability insurance**
- ✓ **\$32 in cash or NC bank check (credit cards, debit cards & out-of-state checks not accepted)**
- ✓ **If you are under 18: High school diploma or proof of completion of a driver's education course**
- ✓ **Patience—expect long wait times. Early morning is best; avoid going during the lunch hour.**



Read this guide and you could score an easy 100%!

Thank you for purchasing the North Carolina DMV Exam Study Guide. You can be confident that the content of this guide will help you pass the knowledge test on your first try.

While the Department of Transportation publishes a very informative guide to educate North Carolina

citizens of the rules of the road (and we do recommend reading it, by the way), many find that the questions which appear on the knowledge test are still difficult to answer even after thoroughly reviewing the official guide. Even if you are an experienced driver from another



state, you should not assume that you can pass the exam without spending some time reviewing the items on the pages that follow.

About the Knowledge Test

The North Carolina driver's license knowledge test consists of 25 poorly written multiple-choice questions. To pass, you must answer at least 20 questions correctly. There are several different versions of the test, but they all use the same basic pool of questions.

Some of the questions asked are so crazy that they fly in the face of common sense, and reading through the driver's handbook offered at the DMV will not necessarily help you to pass.

For example:

Q: How do you know when the road is bumpy at night?

A: You watch the tail lights of the cars in front of you.

Brilliant!

Memorize the brief list of tips on the following pages, especially the **bold parts**, and you will do just fine. In many cases, the

right answer will be one of several responses that all seem to make sense. After reading through the statements that follow, you will recognize which correct answer is the "best" correct answer.

In most locations, the test is administered using computer terminals.



LET'S GET STARTED!

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Success Tips

MISS A FEW!

You can get 5 out of the 25 questions wrong and still pass.

SKIP A FEW!

Skip questions if you are not sure of the answer. Unanswered questions will be shown again at the end.

CHILL OUT!

Relax and take your time. You have 30 minutes to finish.

“I just passed the exam, and got 100% on both the sign and the computer test... all thanks to this guide.”

—Kristin

Question	Answer
1 In densely packed snow you should...	use chains or snow tires.
2 If you must drive during heavy snow or fog, use your...	low-beam headlights.
3 Alcohol-related highway deaths account for...	38% of traffic fatalities.
4 If you accumulate 7 or more points on your traffic record you may...	attend a Driver Improvement Clinic to deduct three points from your driving record.
5 The traffic conviction that adds the highest number of points (5) to your driving record is...	passing a stopped school bus that is loading or unloading children.
6 "Secondary roads" are roads where...	hills are more likely to be more steep and curves are likely to be more sharp.
7 Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit in cities and towns is...	35 miles per hour.
8 To have a revoked driver's license restored, you must...	visit a driver license office, pay a restoration fee, and reapply for a license.
9 When three vehicles reach a 4-way stop at the same time, the right of way belongs to...	the car on the right.
10 If a vehicle sways freely, leans heavily to one side during a turn or seems to bounce continuously, there may be a problem with the...	suspension system.
11 If you experience a breakdown, you should...	call a law enforcement officer.
12 To maintain a safe driving distance between your car and the car in front of you, you should...	use the two-second rule.
13 If you take any medication before you drive, you should...	find out what effect the medicine has.
14 If you are planning a long road trip, you should...	stop and rest every 100 miles.
15 Before passing another vehicle, you should...	look ahead to ensure that there is enough room for you to pass.
16 When driving down a very steep hill, you should...	shift into a lower gear to control your speed.
17 If you run off the side of the road, you should...	gradually take your foot off the gas pedal.
18 When travelling on rural highways, farm equipment usually...	travels at its maximum speed of 15-20 miles per hour.
19 If you are driving into a circle you should...	yield to cars already in the circle.
20 If you are in a crash, you should...	move your car off of the road.
21 School buses are required to...	stop at all railroad crossings.
22 In city traffic, you should...	be alert for drivers who make quick stops.
23 When a school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop on...	two-lane roadways with a center turning lane.

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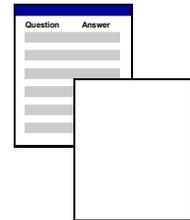
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Question	Answer
24 Defensive drivers check their rear view mirror and side mirrors roughly...	every 10 seconds.
25 If going 45 miles per hour, how far ahead should you signal before turning?	200 ft.
26 If you plan to turn and are not in the proper lane to do so, you should...	continue to the next intersection, then turn.
27 The most common type of accident on a highway is...	a rear-end collision.
28 When driving behind someone...	you should not use your high beams.
29 To dry wet brakes...	gently apply the brakes.
30 "Don't hang out in the No zone" refers to not being...	in truckers' blind spots.
31 When approaching a railroad crossing...	slow down and prepare to stop.
32 If you pull up to a red arrow...	the turning lane is the only lane that should stop.
33 If you are a pedestrian walking along the side of the road at night, you should...	carry or wear something white.
34 Use high beams when...	driving on a highway and no car is approaching.
35 Slippery roads are most likely to occur when...	it has just begun to rain.
36 When traveling behind a farm vehicle on a two-lane road...	wait until the farm vehicle has the chance to pull over to the side, then pass with caution.
37 Large trucks (tractor trailers) have serious...	blind spots to the side and rear into which cars can disappear from view.
38 When preparing to make a right-hand turn...	turn on your turn signal and approach the right-hand side of the road.
39 A "shoulder check" is...	a quick glance over your shoulder on the side in which you intend to turn or change lanes.
40 When you get tired on a long trip, you should...	stop and rest.
41 Unless there is a sign indicating no turn on red, you can turn right on red...	after stopping and making sure that the turn can be made safely.
42 For any underage person who helps another attempting to purchase any alcoholic beverage, the law requires...	a one-year driver license revocation.
43 Your license will be revoked immediately if your blood alcohol concentration is at least...	0.08 percent.
44 When approaching a road that is blocked from view you should...	stop and proceed with caution.
45 When encountering road work you should...	stay with the pace of the traffic.
46 A total of 38% of road accidents are caused by...	drunken driving.

Study Tip

QUIZ TIME!



Cover the answer column with another page and try to remember the answer as you go down the list.

"I had to transfer my license over from another state and I didn't even get the DMV book! Just study each question/answer here and you will get a 100% just like I did!"

—Shonda

North Carolina DMV Exam—Road Sign Recognition

Most people are surprised when they get to the road sign portion of the knowledge test, and rightly so: you will be asked to identify some common road signs *by their shape and color only!* Even the railroad crossing sign, which in the real world has a huge “X” on it, is represented only as an empty yellow circle in the bizarre-o world of the North Carolina DMV test creators.



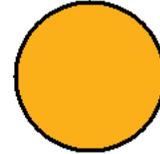
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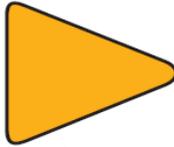
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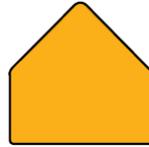
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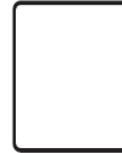
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safely!*

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